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1. US MTN DEL HELD CONSULTATION FEBURARY 11 WITH PERUVIAN MTN DEL (COUNSELLOR CHICHIZOLA) ON PERU'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) REQUEST LIST. USDEL OUTLINED THREE CATEGORIES OF POSSIBLE US RESPONSES TO TP REQUESTS AND REVIEWED US POSITION ON DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO TP PACKAGE.

2. PERUVIAN DEL NOTED IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF TP NEGOTIATIONS, NOTING THAT PERU

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EXPECTED TO RECEIVE LITTLE ELSE FROM MTN. PERUVIAN DEL

EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THERE WERE SO FEW CATEGORY 1 PRODUCTS (I.E. POSSIBLY NEGOTIABLE IN TP GROUP). ON PERU'S TP REQUEST LIST AND THAT THESE WERE ONLY WOOD ITEMS AND NOTED THE USE MIGHT "LOSE" THE ANDEAN GROUP WITH SUCH A SMALL TP OFFER. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME PRODUCTS ON TP REQUEST LIST WERE INCLUDED IN US GSP AND THAT THESE PRODUCTS WOULD TEMPORARILY BENEFIT FROM ZERO DUTIES WHILE MFN REDUCTIONS ON TARIFFS OVER 5 PCT WOULD ONLY RESULT IN MAXIMUM 60 PCT REDUCTIONS. USDEL STRESSED ITS VIEW OF ADVANTAGES OF MFN OVER GSP TARIFF REDUCTION (I.E. BOUND, PERMANENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE NEED RESTRICTIONS).

3. RE PERUVIAN REQUEST FOR BOUND PREFERENTIAL DUTIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, USDEL NOTED USG ONLY HAD AUTHORITY FOR MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND THAT LDC TARIFF PREFERENCES WERE ONLY POSSIBLE UNDER GSP WHICH WAS UNBOUND AND TEMPORARY.

4. RE PERUVIAN REQUEST FOR EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, USDEL STATED ITS AUTHORITY FOR IMPLEMENTING TARIFF REDUCTIONS WAS ON MFN BASIS. NOTED POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, OF IMPLEMENTING ON MFN BASIS TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SOONER THAN ON OTHER PRODUCTS.

5. PERUVIAN DEL EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN TSUS 306.52, 306.53, AND 306.54, ALPACA, LLAMA, AND VICUNA HAIR IN VARIOUS STATES OF PROCESSING AND ASKED THAT US POSITION ON THESE ITEMS BE REVIEWED. PERUVIAN DEL HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON VARIOUS NTB'S NOTIFIED AND USDEL NOTED IMPORTANCE AS FIRST STEP OF IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED BY PERUVIAN EXPORTERS ON THESE PRODUCTS.

6. USDEL NOTED THAT ON MANY PERUVIAN REQUESTS, PERU HAD HAD NOT TRADE WITH US AND, ON SOME ITEMS, THE US HAD HAD NO IMPORTS AT ALL IN 1974. USDEL NOTED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT PERU'S TRADE INTERESTS IN THESE PRODUCTS. PERUVIAN DEL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REQUEST LIST HAD BEEN PREPARED WITH UNCTAD AND POSSIBLY GATT ASSISTANCE WHICH COULD EXPLAIN INCLUSION OF LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS IN WHICH PERU HAD NO TRADE WITH US.

7. COMMENT: PERUVIAN DEL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT OR TO BE KNOWLEDGE-

ABLE CONCERNING PRODUCTS ON REQUEST LIST, UNLIKE
CONSULTATIONS HELD TO DATE WITH NEARLY ALL OTHER DELE-
GATIONS. WHILE STATING HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT
CONCERNING THE CONSULTATIONS, PERUVIAN DEL DID NOT
INDICATE WHETHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
PERU'S INTERESTS IN THE PRODUCTS ON THE REQUEST LIST
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. WALKER

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